

MEETING OF

THE DELAWARE AGRICULTURAL LANDS PRESERVATION FOUNDATION

A meeting of the Delaware Agricultural Lands Preservation Foundation was held at the Delaware Department of Agriculture, 2320 S. DuPont Hwy. Dover, Delaware, August 12, 2009, with the following members in attendance:

Robert F. Garey, Chairman	Edwin Kee, Secretary of Agriculture
William Vanderwende, Vice Chairman	Kevin Coyle (representing Collin O'Mara, Secretary of DNREC)
L. Allen Messick, Jr., Treasurer	Theodore P. Bobola, Jr.
Lyn Davenport, Secretary	G. Ray Staats

Absent: Joseph Wick, and Velda Jones-Potter, State Treasurer.

The following staff members were in attendance: Michael McGrath, Howard Mesick, Milton Melendez, Scott Blaier, Cathy Mesick, Robin West, and Kathi Spangler.

Others in attendance: William Denman, Ms. Jane Vincent, Mr. Hugh Leahy, and Mr. Mike Brown.

Chairman Garey opened the meeting at 8:35 a.m. with prayer.

I. Progress Report:

Milton Melendez informed the Board that we have a total of 997 farms in preservation districts totaling 147,090 acres, with a total of 565 farms under agricultural easements totaling 95,396 acres at a cost of \$158,328,076. For PDR 15 there are a total of 54 farms, comprising 3,985 acres, with a value of \$52,263,437. For PDR 16, there are a total of 9 farms, comprising 577 acres, with a value of \$6,875,414. For the Forestland Preservation Program there are 34 Forestland Preservation Areas comprising 2,506 acres. For the Forestland Preservation Areas Easements, there are a total of 9 properties, comprising 935 acres, with a value of \$1,414,428.

II. District Eligibility & Final Approval:

1. Myrtle I. Harrington District, ID#K-09-07-253. After discussion, **Kevin Coyle moved to accept for eligibility/final approval the Myrtle I. Harrington District contingent upon County approval and settlement, seconded by William Vanderwende. Motion unanimously approved.**

III. Expansion Eligibility & Final Approval:

1. Lands of William Paskey Expansion #1 of the Woikoski Farms District, ID#K-09-01-092C. After discussion, **Kevin Coyle moved to accept for eligibility/final approval the Lands of William Paskey Expansion #1 of the Woikoski Farms District, seconded by Ray Staats. Motion unanimously approved.**

2. Lands of William Paskey Expansion #2 of the Woikoski Farms District, ID#K-09-01-092D. After discussion, **Ray Staats moved to accept for eligibility/final approval the Lands of William Paskey Expansion #2 of the Woikoski Farms District, seconded by Kevin Coyle. Motion unanimously approved.**

3. Line RD Farm Expansion of the J.D. Gordy District, ID#S-09-06-221H. After discussion, **William Vanderwende moved to accept for eligibility/final approval the Line RD Farm Expansion of the J.D. Gordy District contingent upon closing, seconded by Al Messick, Jr. Motion unanimously approved.**

IV. Secretary of Agriculture's Veto – Secretary Kee waived his right of veto for the above Expansions.

IV. Public Comments – No public comments were received.

V. Minutes:

Chairman Garey asked if there were any comments or changes to the July 8, 2009, minutes. Hearing none, the Chairman asked for a motion to approve the minutes. **Ray Staats moved to approve the July minutes, seconded by Kevin Coyle. Motion unanimously approved.**

VI. Financial Highlights:

Howard Mesick presented the Financial Statement for the month of July, 2009, informing the Foundation Board that we had, as of July 31, 2009, \$123,669.24 in the Foundation's interest bearing State of Delaware account. We received \$199.00 interest and \$245.00 from license plates. Expenditures for the month of July totaled \$10,752.16. After discussion **Lyn Davenport moved to approve the July 2009 financial statement as presented, seconded by Theodore P. Bobola, Jr. Motion unanimously approved.**

Comparison of FY'09 Foundation Budget – Michael McGrath presented a comparison of the FY'09 Foundation budget showing what we had originally budgeted for and what we actually paid out.

VII. Executive Session – There was a need for an executive session to consider the Kent and Sussex County PDR 14 selections, **William Vanderwende moved to go into executive session, seconded by Theodore P. Bobola, Jr. Motion unanimously approved.** The executive session began at 9:00 a.m.

The executive session ended at 9:24 a.m., when **William Vanderwende moved to go into regular session, seconded by Allen Messick, Jr. Motion unanimously carried.**

VIII. Approval of Kent County and Sussex County Selections for PDR 14

The Kent County selections for PDR 14 were presented by Michael McGrath. After discussion, **Lyn Davenport moved to approve the Kent County selections for PDR 14, seconded by Theodore P. Bobola, Jr. Motion unanimously carried.**

The Sussex County selections for PDR 14 were presented by Michael McGrath. After discussion, **Ray Staats moved to approve the Sussex County selections for PDR 14, seconded by William Vanderwende. Motion unanimously carried.**

The lists of both Kent and Sussex County selections were handed out.

IX. Other Business:

1. Delaware Community Foundation

A presentation about the Delaware Community Foundation and what it could do to help the Delaware Agricultural lands Preservation Foundation with fund raising and managing donated funds was presented by Jane Vincent and Hugh Leahy. After the presentation there was discussion concerning various aspects of this and the relationship of a governmental entity and a non-profit, private entity.

X. Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Foundation, the meeting adjourned at 10:33 a.m. The next meeting of the Foundation will be held on September 9, 2009 at the Delaware Department of Agriculture, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William Vanderwende
Vice Chairman